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They noted that successive Ethiopian regimes committed immense atrocities against innocent Eritrean civilians, and that what makes the atrocity committed in She'ib unique is the fact that tanks rolled over civilians and inhumanely massacred them.

Stating that the martyrs were not properly buried previously, the local inhabitants pointed out that the erection of a monument in memory of them amply demonstrates the honor that the Government accords to martyrs. They further said that this year's Martyrs Day commemoration is a historical event in which they renew their pledge to honor the trust of fallen heroes.

Ms. Amna Mohammed Shemblai who narrowly survived the holocaust and Ms. Amna Abdalla Shedelai who was 10 years old at that time respectively said that such a barbaric massacre committed 22 years ago is still fresh in their minds. They further stated that the erection of the monument in memory of the martyrs in She'ib has given them moral satisfaction.

Mr. Mohammed Suleiman Ali and Mr. Idris Mohammed who buried the victims said on their part that the martyrs were buried in group without conducting proper funeral service, and that the erection of a monument in their honor has given them spiritual satisfaction.